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Remembrance
Sunday
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“We will
remember them”

We Gather to Worship God

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46.1

This I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work
in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all
who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Closing Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and when our time on earth is done,
bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

God our creator,
send us out to be beacons of peace
in a dark world of conflict.
Make us instruments of peace
for whoever we meet and wherever we go;
in the name of the Prince of Peace,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.

Prayers of Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; the pride, the selfishness, the greed; the evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

A short pause for silent confession.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God;
through Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

to his feet your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour

to our fathers in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,

slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hands he gently bears us,

rescues us from all our foes.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;

ye behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

dwellers all in time and space.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Act of Commitment

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your
tomorrow we gave our today.

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and
faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

We say together:

Lord God, our Father,

we pledge ourselves to serve you and all people,

in the cause of peace,

for the relief of want and suffering,

choosing love over hate,

choosing service over selfishness,

choosing sharing over greed,

choosing peace making over trouble making,

for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit;

give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope;

and keep us faithful now and always.

Amen.

HYMN O valiant hearts, who to your glory came

Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.

Testimony

Flight Lieutenant Richard Anderson takes us through how God stepped into a very dangerous situation and led him through an incredible frontline event. Rich is a Chinook pilot and responsible for the lives of his crew of four and up to 30 passengers.

Reading - John 15:9-17 read by Colin Entwistle

Talk - Rev Jonathan Widdess with Rev Carl Beech

Act of Remembrance

The Minister says: Let the wreaths be laid.

During the laying of the wreaths the names of those who fell in the two World Wars will be read out.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

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The Last Post is played.

The two minutes' silence follows.

The Reveille is sounded.

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guide while troubles last,
and our eternal Home!

Testimony

Liesel Parkinson gives an honest account of how prayer helped her cope with her biggest fear of losing her husband, Major Rhett Parkinson.

Prayers - led by Chris and Angela Evans

Ending with:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.